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Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following

- [HB 18](#), relating to the establishment of the prescription drug savings program for certain uninsured individuals;

- **HB 3459**, relating to preauthorization requirements for certain health care services and utilization review for certain health benefit plans;
 - **Proposed Rules, 28 Texas Administrative Code § 12.4, Applicability, and 28 Texas Administrative Code § 12.601, Preauthorization Exemptions** (Ch. 12, Independent Review Organizations), Texas Department of Insurance, *Texas Register*, April 8, 2022
 - **Proposed Rules, 28 Texas Administrative Code § 19.1710, Requirements Prior to Issuing an Adverse Determination, and 28 Texas Administrative Code §§ 19.1730 - 19.1733, Preauthorization Exemptions** (Ch. 19, Licensing and Regulation of Insurance Professionals), Texas Department of Insurance, *Texas Register*, April 8, 2022
 - **Information on Implementation of HB 3459**, Texas Department of Insurance, last updated December 14, 2021
- **HB 3752**, relating to the offering of health benefit coverage by subsidiaries of the Texas Mutual Insurance Company;
- **HB 3924**, relating to health benefits offered by certain nonprofit agricultural organizations;
- **SB 1137**, relating to the required disclosure of prices for certain items and services provided by certain medical facilities;
 - **State Hospital Price Transparency Law Checklist**, Texas Hospital Association, updated April 14, 2022
 - **Price Transparency: A Primer on State, Federal Requirements** (Texas Law), Texas Hospital Association, April 13, 2022
 - **Health Facility Compliance Guidance Letter: Required Disclosure of Prices for Certain Items and Services (SB 1137-87R)**, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, February 3, 2022
- **HB 2090**, relating to the establishment of a statewide all payor claims database and health care cost disclosures by health benefit plan issuers and third-party administrators;
 - **Proposed Rules, 28 Texas Administrative Code §§ 21.5401 - 21.5406** (Ch. 21, Subch. TT, All-Payor Claims Database), Texas Department of Insurance, *Texas Register*, April 8, 2022
 - **"Power Data: Texas' Claims Database Will Help Clarify Care Costs,"** *Texas Medicine*, Texas Medical Association, last updated on March 31, 2022
 - **Texas All Payor Claims Data Base-Common Data Layout Components and Requirements**, UTHealth School of Public Health, March 17, 2022
 - **Texas APCD Data Submission Guide**, School of Public Health, Center for Health Care Data, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, January 10, 2022
 - **Information on Implementation of HB 2090**, Texas Department of Insurance, last updated December 13, 2021
- **SB 790**, relating to county authority to balance bill for county air ambulance services.
 - **Ground Ambulance Report**, Texas Department of Insurance, last updated January 6, 2022

Charge 5: Study the impacts of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2020 decision in *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association* and the federal No Surprises Act (2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law No. 116-620) on the Texas insurance market.

- *Rutledge v. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association*;
- "*Rutledge vs. PCMA: The Future of State Regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Managers in the Wake of the SCOTUS Decision*," *Practitioner Insights Commentary*, Thomson Reuters Westlaw Today, June 25, 2021
- "*The Implications of Rutledge v. PCMA for State Health Care Cost Regulation*," *Health Affairs Forefront*, Health Affairs, December 17, 2020
- **Federal No Surprises Act** (Title 1, **2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act**, Public Law No. 116-260);
 - **Balance Billing: Independent Dispute Resolution**, Texas Department of Insurance, last updated April 18, 2022
 - "**No Surprises Act Implementation: What to Expect in 2022**" (Issue Brief), *Health Reform*, Kaiser Family Foundation, December 10, 2021
 - "**Understanding the No Surprises Act**," *USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy Blog*, Brookings Institution, February 4, 2021
- **SB 1264** (86R), relating to consumer protections against certain medical and health care billing by certain out-of-network providers;
 - **Balance Billing: Independent Dispute Resolution**, Texas Department of Insurance, last updated April 18, 2022
 - *A General Overview of SB 1264 (86th Texas Legislature) and Texas' New Arbitration Process for Certain Out-of-Network Claims*, Texas Medical Association, revised June 30, 2020
- **HB 1919**, relating to certain prohibited practices for certain health benefit plan issuers and pharmacy benefit managers;
- **HB 1763**, relating to the contractual relationship between a pharmacist or pharmacy and a health benefit plan issuer or pharmacy benefit manager.

Senate Committee on **Finance**

Charge: Property Tax Relief: Examine and recommend ways to reduce Texans' property tax burden. Review and report on proposals to use or dedicate state revenues in excess of the state spending limit to eliminate the school district maintenance and operations property tax.

- *Relief from Rising Values: 2019 Property Tax Reforms Cutting Tax Rates at a Record Pace*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, April 2022
- *2022 State Business Tax Climate Index*, Tax Foundation, December 16, 2021
- *Property Tax Relief for Homeowners*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, November 2021
- *Total State and Local Business Taxes: State-by-State Estimates for FY20*, Ernst & Young LLP, Council of State Taxation, State Tax Research Institute, October 2021
- *50-State Property Tax Comparison Study: For Taxes Paid in 2020*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, June 2021

- [State Tax Actions Database](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2, 2021

Charge: Tax Exemptions: Examine Texans' current tax exemptions and report on whether adjustments are merited because of inflation or any other factors.

- [Tax Exemptions and Tax Incidence Report](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2020
- [Guidelines to Texas Tax Exemptions](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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House Committee on [Insurance](#) (continued from May 17)

If the committee does not complete its hearing of all invited testimony scheduled for its May 17th public hearing, it will reconvene after a recess to continue hearing invited testimony only on the posted interim charges.

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#)

Charge: Supply Chain: Examine the causes and impacts of recent supply chain disruptions on the Texas economy and individual industries. Study the factors that weaken links in the supply chain and the extent the pandemic has exposed those vulnerabilities. Recommend actions to strengthen the supply chain in Texas and mitigate disruptions in the future.

- [The Economic Costs of the Recent Border Delays](#), The Perryman Group, April 2022
- ["Global Supply Chain Pressure Index: March 2022 Update,"](#) *Liberty Street Economics Blog*, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, March 3, 2022
- ["Supply Chain Disruption"](#) (Newsletter), Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense, Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence, Texas A&M University System, March 2022 Edition
- ["Pace of Texas Economic Growth Slows as Supply-Chain, Staffing Woes Persist,"](#) *Dallas Fed Economics*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, February 3, 2022
- [U.S. Ports of Entry: Update on CBP Public-Private Partnership Programs](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, January 26, 2022
- ["The Good for Texas Tour: Supply Chains,"](#) *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2021-January 2022
- [Supply Chain Risk Management](#), National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- [Supply Chains in Texas](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Charge: Cybersecurity: Review current state and federal laws regarding cybersecurity protections and requirements for local governments, state agencies, and critical industries of our state. Make recommendations for legislation to improve resilience and protection against cybersecurity attacks and ensure the privacy protection of the citizens of Texas.

- ["With Attacks on the Rise, Lawmakers Harden Cybersecurity,"](#) *State Legislatures News*, March 15, 2022
- ["Cybersecurity and Texas,"](#) *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, January 2022
- [2020 Cybersecurity Report](#), Texas Department of Information Resources, November 15, 2020
- [Interim Report](#), Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity, October 2018
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature \(Charge 1 – Cybersecurity\)](#), House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation, January 2017
- [Security Policy and Planning](#) (Cybersecurity rules for Texas state agencies, Texas cybersecurity framework, and related resources), Texas Department of Information Resources

Charge: State Workforce: Study where state employees are located and the benefits and drawbacks of remote working. Evaluate the impact of the potential growth of remote work and proximity of employees to their place of employment on traffic studies over the next 10 years. Study and make recommendations for establishing uniform statewide standards for remote work. Study possible implications and standards for statewide recruitment and employment of remote state employees from all parts of the state.

- ["Largest Texas Metros Lure Big-City, Coastal Migrants During Pandemic,"](#) *Southwest Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Fourth Quarter 2021
- ["Texas Traffic Gets a Pandemic Pause"](#) (Addresses the [2021 Urban Mobility Report](#) and the [2021 Texas' Most Congested Roadways](#) project), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, December 21, 2021
- ["Building a Post-Pandemic Economy That Supports All Workers, Remote or Not,"](#) *State Legislatures*, National Conference of State Legislatures, August 16, 2021
- ["Why Working From Home Will Stick,"](#) NBER Working Paper Series, National Bureau of Economic Research, April 2021
- ["Accessible Telework: Strategies for Developing Inclusive State Agency Programs"](#) (Includes telework policies of multiple states), Council of State Governments, March 8, 2021

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House Committee on International Relations & Economic Development

Charge: Agency Oversight: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- **HB 619**, relating to developing a strategic plan to support the child-care workforce;
- **Child Care and Development Fund: Executive Summary for the State Plan for Program Years 2022-2024** (Commission Meeting), Texas Workforce Commission, June 24, 2021
- **Child Care & Early Learning Services – Program Overview**, Texas Workforce Commission
- **HB 1792**, relating to the evaluation of child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program;
 - **Child Care Services Guide** (Texas Rising Star Program), Texas Workforce Commission, April 2022
 - **Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Subsidized Child Care Program: Report to the 87th Texas Legislature** (Texas Rising Star), Texas Workforce Commission, January 15, 2021
 - **Texas Rising Star Workgroup**, Texas Workforce Commission
- **HB 2607**, relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards regarding the provision of childcare and the subsidized childcare program;
 - **Evaluation of Board Oversight Capacity, Workforce Development Boards**, Texas Workforce Commission
- **HB 3767**, relating to measures to support the alignment of education and workforce development with state workforce needs, including the establishment of the TriAgency Workforce Initiative; and
 - **Comments on the Tri-Agency's Proposal on Statewide Workforce Development Goals** (Comments to Commissioner Mike Mbrath, Texas Education Agency, Commissioner Harrison Keller, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Chairman Bryan Daniel, Texas Workforce Commission on HB 3767), Texas 2036, March 10, 2022
 - **Linking Education and Workforce: Spurring Economic Growth Across Texas**, Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative, November 2020
- **SB 1555**, relating to establishing reimbursement rates for certain child-care providers participating in the subsidized childcare program.
 - **Enhanced Reimbursement Rates**, Texas Rising Star

Charge: Economic Recovery: Monitor the state's economic recovery and identify obstacles impeding the state's economic recovery. Examine the economic impact of inflation on both employers and employees. Examine global supply chain disruptions on state commerce and the flow of trade at Texas ports. Explore opportunities to attract businesses to Texas that have outsourced elements of their supply chain to foreign countries.

- [Outlook for the Texas Economy](#), Texas Real Estate Research Center, Texas A&M University, April 14, 2022
- ["Texas Economy Strengthens as Omicron Fades; Costs and Wages Rise Further,"](#) *Dallas Fed Economics*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, March 24, 2022
- ["Inflation and the Policy Response in 2022,"](#) *Working Economics Blog*, Economic Policy Institute, February 7, 2022
- [Supply Chain Assessment of the Transportation Industrial Base: Freight and Logistics](#), U.S. Department of Transportation, February 2022
- [Gulf Intercoastal Waterway Legislative Report: 87th Texas Legislature](#), Texas Transportation Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, September 30, 2020
- [2022-2023 Texas Port Mission Plan: 87th Legislative Session](#), Port Authority Advisory Committee, Texas Department of Transportation Maritime Division, 2020
- [Certification Revenue Estimates](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Inflation and Consumer Spending](#), U.S. Department of Labor

Charge: Workforce: Evaluate labor shortages and Texas' unemployment numbers. Identify initiatives within the Texas Workforce Commission to expand job training and apprenticeship opportunities to help meet labor demands. Identify opportunities to increase outreach and information regarding career development.

- [Texas Economic Indicators](#), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, April 19, 2022
- [Texas Employment Forecast](#), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, April 15, 2022
- [Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature \(Charge 3 – Workforce needs\)](#), House Committee on Economic and Small Business Development, November 2018
- [Skills Development - Program Overview](#), [Apprenticeship - Program Overview](#), [Texas Labor Market Information](#) (Labor statistics), Texas Workforce Commission
- [Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative](#), Office of the Governor, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Workforce Commission

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